



PATENT Attorney Docket No. 09866.3000-00

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of:  |                           |
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| Ronald Keith SLOAN   | )<br>Group Art Unit: 3711 |
| Application No.: 10/564,555  | )<br>Examiner: Unassigned |
| Filed: January 13, 2006  | Confirmation No.: 1873    |
| For: POKER GAME METHOD AND ) PLAYING AREA )                            | )<br>)<br>)               |
| Commissioner for Patents<br>P.O. Box 1450<br>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 |                           |
| Sir:   |                           |

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks follow the Amendment sections of this paper.